

The Christ Church News



10th October 2025

Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has made a parents' evening appointment. You will have been sent a reminder if you haven't yet made one.

The children have had a road safety visit this week – we were really impressed by their prior knowledge.

Next week, most classes are visiting the Literature Festival. Please make sure that you child takes a coat as the weather is very changeable. Thank you to the teachers for organising this.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates 25-26

Date	Event
13 th October	Yr 1, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5, Yr 6 Literature festival visit – pay & give consent via Arbor
15 th October	Yr 2 Cathedral / Mosque visit – pay via Arbor
17 th October	PTA School Disco – Infants 4.45pm-5.45pm Juniors 6pm-7pm
21 st October	Yr 3 lead Harvest Festival service at Church 10am
21 st & 23 rd October	Parents' evening – book in the Arbor app
23 rd October	Non-School Uniform Day
24 th October	INSET day – school closed for children
27 th – 31 st October	Half term – school closed
3 rd November	Children back to school
4 th 5 th 6 th November	9.15am Reception 2026 tours for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
11 th November	Yr 5 Remembrance service TBC

12 th November	Positive noticing day 9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book – limited places left
13 th November	I-Sing pop concert at church – 2pm & 6pm info to follow
19 th November	Individual & sibling photograph day
28 th November	Non-School Uniform Day
3 rd December	9.15am Reception 2026 tour for prospective parents – call office to book limited places left
5 th December	PTA Christmas Crafternoon – information to follow
9 th December	Nativity performance 2.15pm – ticket info to follow
10 th December	Nativity performance 9.30am – ticket info to follow
11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	Yr R Everyman Theatre – pay on Arbor
18 th December	Yr 4 lead Christmas Service – info to follow
19 th December	Last day – finish at usual time
5 th January	INSET day – school closed for children
6 th January	Children back to school
27 th February	PTA Wine Tasting (adults only!)
4 th July	PTA Summer Picnic

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children’s “Spy” Books

We have been made aware of this issue via another school:

This is regarding children’s books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series. Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author’s website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

Year 6

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their cricket lessons this term, developing key physical skills such as coordination, agility, and teamwork. A fantastic way to stay active while building confidence and competence in sport! 🏏



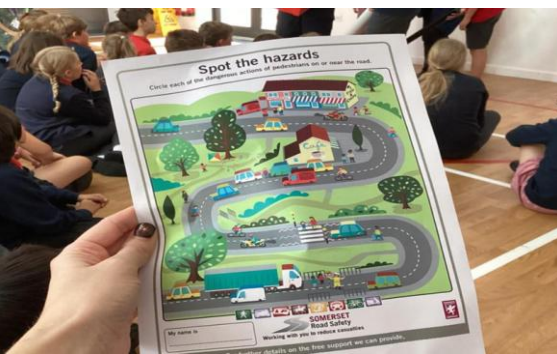
KS2

KS2 enjoyed an amazing service led by 'Mad Science SW' where they saw lots of live experiments involving chemical changes. This company will be coming into school in Autumn 2 after school on Fridays to run a club - please see correspondence from the office or the paper copy of the leaflet sent home with your child for sign up details 🧪



Lead Road Safety Officer Visit

On Monday, Christ Church children from Y1-6 were visited by Emily Booker, a lead road safety officer for Gloucestershire who delivered an informative and interesting service focused on how to stay safe near roads, including the importance of using crossings, being alert and avoiding distractions like phones or headphones. The children were reminded to stop, look, listen and think before crossing. The service encouraged everyone to take responsibility for their safety and make sensible choices when near traffic. Y5/6 also enjoyed an informative workshop after the service, involving practical activities and investigations linked with road safety.



Move More family support

Marijana from Move More Families delivered the first webinar of the year yesterday (Managing screens, nurturing minds). For parents who were unable to attend here is the link to the recording:
<https://youtu.be/PlADuyk6hH0>



Today will be about:

- Positive and negative impact of screen time for neurotypical and neurodivergent children
- Age-appropriate screen time
 - Screens and boundaries

Attendance

SPOTLIGHT ON PERSISTENT ABSENCE

What is persistent absence? If your child takes too much time off school, they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). Missing school may make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement.

HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENCE STUDENT?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-3 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.

DONATION BANK

Great news - you can donate clothes to help raise money for the school!

Simply post clothes, paired shoes, bags and belts in a plastic bag into the permanent clothing bank located at the front of school.

Donate at any time on any day of the year!

Organised by the PTA.




Community Notices

All Together Service

Church for all the family

Sunday 12th October

Fantastic refreshments
from 10am - service
starts at 10:30!




AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

HERE AT YOUR SCHOOL

Spark Their Curiosity REGISTER & BOOK TODAY!

Mad Science SW (a community oriented company) are here to spark the imaginations and curiosity of all children. Fostering a love for science and providing them with the tools to fuel their own discoveries! We focus on providing fun & engaging educational programmes, which are curriculum correlated and tailored to maximise their impact. Hosted at your child's school our clubs are a great solution to explore their passions through STEM.

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The Club

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive, educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace. They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

They'll have so much fun, they forget they're learning

Booking

bit.ly/madscienceclub

Scan QR code to access registration.
For Guidance scan the purple help code

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

If you have an iPAL account with us, simply log in and choose your new club dates to secure your space.

CHRIST CHURCH SCHOOL


FRIDAY
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November
5th, 12th December 2025

Registration Deadline:
21st October 2025


Please register before this time to secure your child's space
KS2 ONLY- YR3-6

Spaces are limited - first come first served
6 Week Course for £66.00


BOOK ONLINE TODAY -bit.ly/madscienceclub



1 Hour
from end of the school day



All Staff
Enhanced DBS
Safeguarding Trained



All Materials
& Consumables provided

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Location - All Saints Academy (4g), Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham GL51 0WH

When - Friday Evenings

Times - (u5/6) - 5.30pm - 6.30pm (u7/8s) 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Registration Link: - <https://forms.gle/q1EzYN6RywbfrwET8> or Scan the Image attached.

Once registered free 2-week trial will be offered.

Let's GET Magical

CIRQUE DANCE

Online Booking

Harry Potter
Circus and Dance Camp 2025

Full Day £65 (inc lunch) Half Day £35

Calling all witches, wizards and circus stars aged 5-12years!
join us for a magical day of Harry Potter themed Circus and Dance Fun

The Reddings and District Community Centre
Tuesday 28th October 2025

BOOK NOW!

www.cirquedance.co.uk 07583802102



TRAIN TO TEACH IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Thursday
November 6th, 2025

5pm - 7pm

Pate's Grammar School
Cheltenham, GL51 0HG

Book your place now!



Teach in Gloucestershire

CAMP 4-2-11

Ofsted Outstanding

WELCOME FOREIGN RESOURCES ACCEPTED

OCTOBER 2025

St Edward's, Cheltenham
27th - 31st Oct 2025

Dinglewell School, Gloucester
27th - 31st Oct 2025

Kingham Hill School, Chipping Norton
27th - 31st Oct 2025

St Mary's, Cheltenham
27th - 30th Oct 2025

Activities Include

- Swimming (Wednesdays @ St Ed's & Kingham Forest School)
- Party & glitter tattoos
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports
- Camps Got Talent
- Music & Movement
- Polydron Construction
- Movie & Popcorn
- Quiz
- Lego Build & Share
- Drama
- Outdoor Adventures

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & BOOKING

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Cheltenham Town
Community trust



£16
per day

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL HOLIDAY COURSES

Ages **5-12** | **9AM** | All genders welcome
3PM | **FOR ALL ABILITIES**



Run by FA qualified, first aid trained and DBS enhanced checked coaches.

GIRLS ONLY COURSES AVAILABLE

Courses held at:
BISHOPS CLEEVE FC
CLEEVE SPORTS CENTRE
ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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